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RE: Origami RAI Condom Study

Dear Dan,

It is my pleasure to collaborate on your proposed Phase I study of the Origami RAI Condom™ for receptive anal intercourse (RAI). The Origami RAI Condom™ is innovative and potentially acceptable for AI use, considering the durable, heavy gauge silicone material they are made of. It could offer a viable alternative to latex condoms that may be more compatible with AI, and therefore, provide a much needed other method of HIV prevention.

My research team is experienced in conducting acceptability research on new methods of HIV prevention. As a member of the Behavioral Working Group of the Microbicides Trials Network I have been actively involved in the design of acceptability component of clinical trials of microbicides. Furthermore, at the University of California, Los Angeles, I am the team leader of Project 3 (Rectal Health and Behaviors and Acceptability of Rectal Applicators) of the Microbicide Development Program a U19 to develop rectal microbicides. My study involves acceptability research on rectal applicators. The same research team is proposed to conduct the Phase I acceptability research for the Origami RAI Condom™.

Several other researchers here at UCLA are interested in discussing these research projects further with you and we hope we can provide some support for these innovative projects. If funded, I look forward to working with you to conduct the acceptability research on the Origami RAI Condom™ at UCLA.

Sincerely,

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